The time and labour involved in compiling the information are not commensurate with the results likely to be obtained.

Lease Rental of Mumbai Port Trust

2227. SHRI K. B. KRISHNA MURTHY : Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state :

(a) whether income from lease rental constitute major source of income for Port Trusts;

(b) whether the outstanding lease rental of Mumbai Port Trust recorded a whooping increase to Rs. 550.95 crore during the period 1994—99;

(c) the steps being taken by Mumbai Port Trust to recover lease rent arrears;

(d) whether it is a fact that Mumbai Port Trust did not furnish the data on land use plan in accordance with the Centre's guidelines of 1995; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) The outstanding lease rentals of Mumbai Port Trust, which was Rs. 300.10 crores as on 31-3-94, increased to Rs. 552.10 crores as on 31-3-99.

(c) Legal action has been initiated by Mumbai Port Trust to recover outstanding lease rents.

(d) and (e) No data on Land Use Plan was required to be furnished in accordance with the guidelines of 1995.

Establishment expenditure of Cochin Port Trust

2228. SHRI K. B. KRISHNA MURTHY : Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's directives to port trusts restrict establishment expenditure to 30 per cent of operating expenditure;

(b) whether the Cochin Port Trust had been incurring very high establishment expenditure from 43 per cent to 53 per cent (of operating expenditure) in violation of Government's directives;

(c) whether per employee productivity in Cochin Port Trust is far below that of neighbouring ports like New Mangalore, Tuticorin, etc.; and

(d) whether Cochin Port had incurred expenses on idle wages paid to crew attached to dry-dock and fork lift section both of which were out of Commission for quite some time ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) In view of answer to (a) above, question of violation of Government's directive does not arise.

(c) Per employee productivity is a function of the Cargo mix and available infrastructutre which vary from port to port. However, Cochin Port has increased employee productivity from 1217 tonnes per head in 1991 to 2473 tonnes in 2001.

(d) No, Sir. During the period of temporary shut down of dry docks, the concerned workers were deployed for other jobs such as repair of 24 floating crafts, container and oil terminal etc.

Dust Control System in JNPT

2229. SHRIMATI SARLA MAHESHWARI : Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state :

(a) whether an expenditure of Rs. 5.25 crore by Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust was incurred on a Dust Control System in March, 1990;

(b) whether the system is not working ; and

(c) if so, the steps being taken by Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Considering the volume of dry bulk traffic handled during the recent past and the remote prospects for further growth in the fertilizers, fertilizers raw material and foodgrains traffic at JNPT in the near future. JNPT has not considered it advisable to incur further expenditure in making the Dust Control System operational.

Fall in profits of shipping companies

2230. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR : Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state :

(a) whether in the wake of terrorists attacks in September in US, Shipping Companies are facing 20-30 per cent fall in their profit margins this year;